

WI-167
Brady House
Quantico
Private

c. 1820, c. 1840, c. 1900, c. 1925

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Originally the 1820 Federal period frame house was most likely served by a detached kitchen that stood behind the house. Consistent with the broad national movement to improve the domestic operation of the household during the second quarter of the nineteenth century, a two-story service wing was attached to the back of the house. This wing was later modified around 1900 with additional kitchen conveniences and a larger room on the second floor. Lastly, in an effort to turn the house into a small nursing home around 1925, a large shed roofed wing was

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extended to the south of the kitchen and dining room and the main block was reworked with extended eaves, new window sash, and replacement beaded siding.

Chain of title research for the early nineteenth century has been established for this property, however the house and lot were owned by Andrew J. Crawford when the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas was published in 1877. Standing on the lot north of the house was the Crawford & Bounds store. The next year, in January 1878, Andrew J. Crawford and his wife Mary and others sold the house and lot to Eleanor S. A. Woolford for \$600. Fourteen years later, in April 1892, estate trustee James E. Ellegood sold the Woolford house to Washingtonian, Sallie L. Walker. The property remained in Walker family hands until the early 1970s.

HISTORIC CONTENT INFORMATION

Resource Name: BRADY HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-167

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
AGRICULTURAL-INDUSTRIAL TRANSITION
1815-1870
- 4) Resource Type(s):
Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-167

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic WALKER HOUSE

and/or common BRADY HOUSE

2. Location

street & number Main Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town Quantico ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Wirt W. Wolfe

street & number P. O. Box 442 telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21801

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Commonly referred to as the Brady house, this two-story, three-bay frame dwelling stands on the east side of Main Street, designated as "Parcel 114" on the tax map for the town of Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story frame structure, combining at least four periods of construction, faces west with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Initially built around 1820, the two-story, three-bay main block is supported on a brick pier and concrete block foundation, and the house is sheathed with a combination of original and replacement beaded weatherboarding. The medium sloped gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the house is a two-story, two-room plan service wing that was added to the front block around 1840. This service wing had a stepped profile originally since the kitchen section only rose to a story-and-a-half height. Around 1900, the kitchen roof was raised to the same level as the dining room portion of the rear wing. At the same time several small rooms, including a pantry, were attached to the north and east sides of the kitchen in order to increase convenience and living space of the kitchen. Finally, around 1925, the wing was extended on the south side with a two-story, five-bay shed roofed addition.

The west (main) facade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with nine-over-six sash windows filling each of the first floor bays. The northernmost bay was originally a doorway, but during the early twentieth remodeling of the main house, the opening was converted to a window. The window sash are twentieth century replacements. The second floor is pierced by three replacement six-over-six sash windows. During the twentieth century remodeling of the house, the eaves were rebuilt and extended slightly in front as well as on each side.

The north side of the main block is the only wall that retains portions of original beaded weatherboarding. Two rectangular patches on the first floor cover former six-over-four sash windows. The second floor retains an original four-over-four sash window, and the attic is lighted by small two-over-two sash windows.

Distinguishing the opposite gable end is a partial exterior brick chimney erected during the early twentieth century. Nine-over-six sash windows flank the stack on the first floor, and six-over-six sash windows light the second floor. Small two-over-two sash windows illuminate the attic.

The east side of the main block is fully covered by the rear two-story service wing. Rising in the center of the wing is a large brick stack that contains four flues. The exterior of the service wing is clad with plain weatherboards and pierced by six-over-six sash windows.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

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Due to its early date of construction, this house is listed under Category A, which signifies a structure that must be retained: a structure of historic significance and/or exhibiting many good architectural features representative of a period of architectural development and contributing uniquely and superlatively to the character and collective value of the structures within the district.

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The interior of the main block has been modified at various times. Mature cut nails, riven lath, and Federal woodwork comfortably place its construction around 1820. The first floor originally followed a side hall/parlor plan with an off-center partition separating the hall from the parlor. The original stair was fixed against the partition directly underneath the attic stair. This floor plan was altered around 1840 when the rear wing was attached. The original stair, probably an enclosed or boxed stair, was taken out and replaced with the extant stair, built across the north gable end. The stair relocation required the blocking of two six-over-four sash windows on the first floor and the patching of the plaster wall within the stairwell. The bold turned newel post, rectangular balusters, and the two-panel stair closet door are typical of the 1840s. The workmanship of the handrail, as it joins the newel post in a well-crafted scroll, is a personal solution and not typical of period designs. Remaining inside the closet is the original six-over-four sash window that retains an early coat of paint. Fixed against the south parlor wall is a brick fireplace dating from the early twentieth century remodeling. The original woodwork in the parlor includes window surrounds and sections of chair rail and baseboard moldings.

The second floor has been less changed with an original beaded board partition dividing the upstairs hall from the bedroom. Under the layers of wallpaper is an early blackish-blue coat of paint. A small corner closet, a turn of the century addition to the hall, is fixed in the southeast corner. Providing access to the bedroom is a four-panel door dating from the mid-to-late nineteenth century. The bedroom survives with a Federal style mantel, chair rail and beaded edge baseboard. A beaded board door provides access to the attic. A much later door opening, located in the southeast corner, opens into the early twentieth century addition.

The attic is unfinished, and it has been cleared of its flooring. The pairs of common rafters are joined by pinned mortise and tenon joints. Exposed along the back wall of the main house are the butt ends of the attic tie beams which have several nail holes indicating the former presence of an exterior cornice that was removed when the 1840s wing was attached.

The rear dining room and kitchen wing, built with circular sawn lumber, cut nails, and riven lath, originally followed a stepped profile with the dining room and bedroom above rising two full stories, while the rear kitchen with a loft bedroom only rose a story-and-a-half. Evidently there was no direct access originally between second floor bedrooms.

The dining room has been stripped of most interior finishes and the floor joists have been exposed. The kitchen interior, originally finished with a simple coat of whitewash, retains a corner boxed stair of board

walls covered by a later layer of plaster. A turn of the century glazed door provides access to the stair. On the north side of the kitchen is a small pantry room finished with beaded board walls and ceiling.

The second floor of the rear wing retains some Greek Revival two-panel doors and a period mantel in the bedroom above the dining room. Although a two-panel door opens into the rear kitchen bedroom, this doorway was introduced after the kitchen roof was raised. Inside the kitchen bedroom, the original fireplace has been reworked and a large Colonial Revival mantel with detached columns and a broad mantel shelf has been attached to the chimney breast. While the flooring and hearth date from the 1840s, the shift to sawn lath and the nail holes in the gable end studs of the dining room bedroom wall indicate the later changes made to the kitchen bedroom.

Standing behind the house is an early twentieth century hip roofed frame garage with vertical board walls and a double sliding door. The sliding door panels consist of diagonal beaded board construction.

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WALKER HOUSE (BRADY HOUSE)
Quantico, Maryland
Chain of title

1258/817 Zelda A. Johnson

to

7/17/1991 W. Wirt Wolfe
Elizabeth D. Wolfe

1248/608 Albert O. Johnson by Zelda A. Johnson

to

4/14/1991 Zelda A. Johnson
Item 2

JWTS 781/423 Lacey E. Spencer, Jr.
Rosalie V. Spencer of Sussex Co., Delaware

to

1/24/1973 Albert O. Johnson
Zelda A. Johnson

781/416 Dorothy Janet Walker, et al

to

9/14/1972 Lacey E. Spencer, Jr.
Rosalie V. Spencer

JWTS 760/248 Richard H. Mayfield, Personal Representative

to

4/10/1972 Dorothy Janet Walker, et al

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Chain of title continued

Whereas Rosalie W. Walker, late of Wash.
D. C., departed this life on or about
6/6/1970 leaving a last will and testament
3/31/1959 devised sixth interests to heirs

JTT 9/118

James E. Ellegood, trustee

to

4/21/1892

Sallie L. Walker, of Washington, D.C.

(died 1938, Last will and testament JAH 2/558)

Decree of Circuit Court 1/6/1891

Elihu E. Jackson vs. George A. H. Woolford
being No. 777 in Chancery Docket

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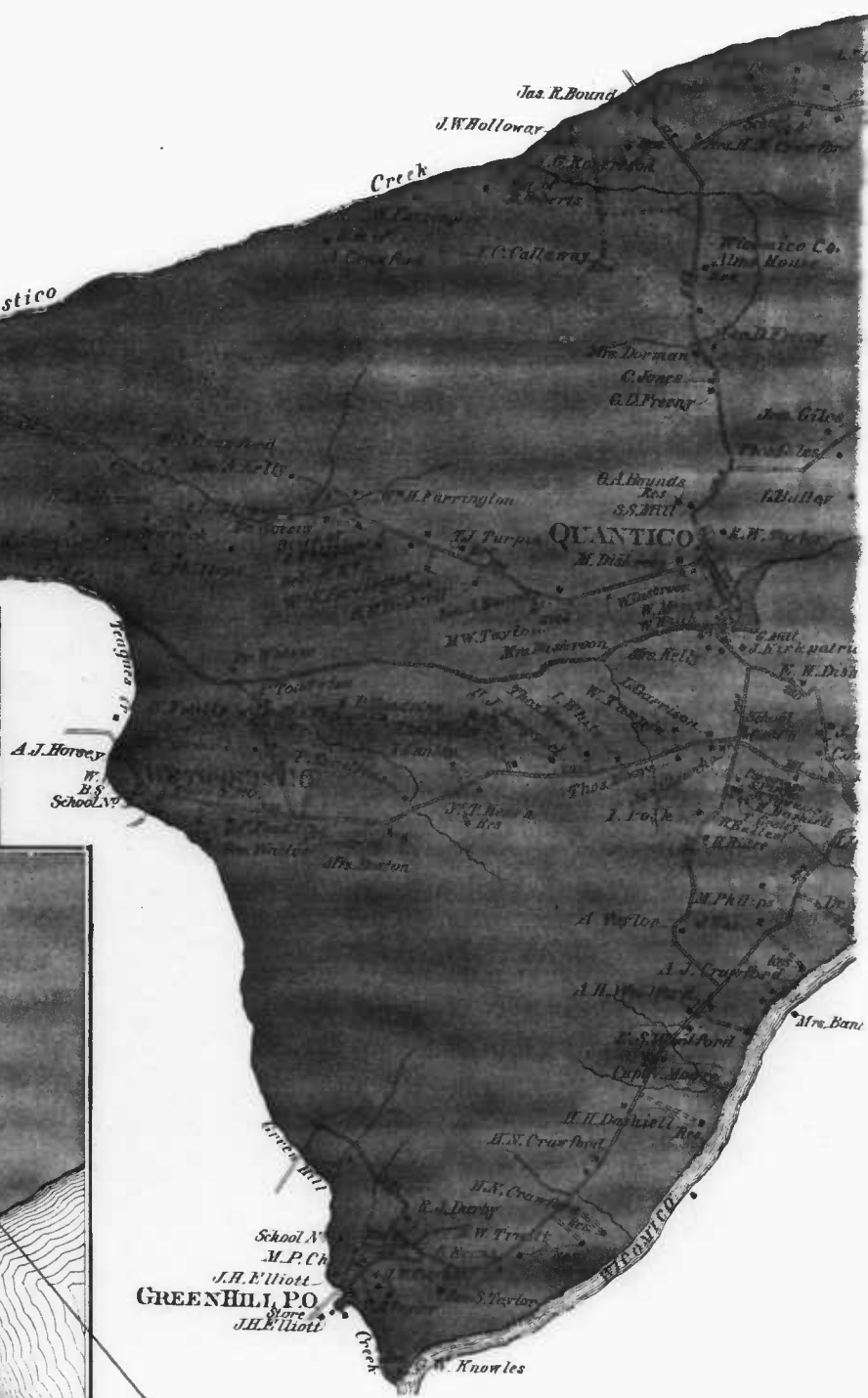
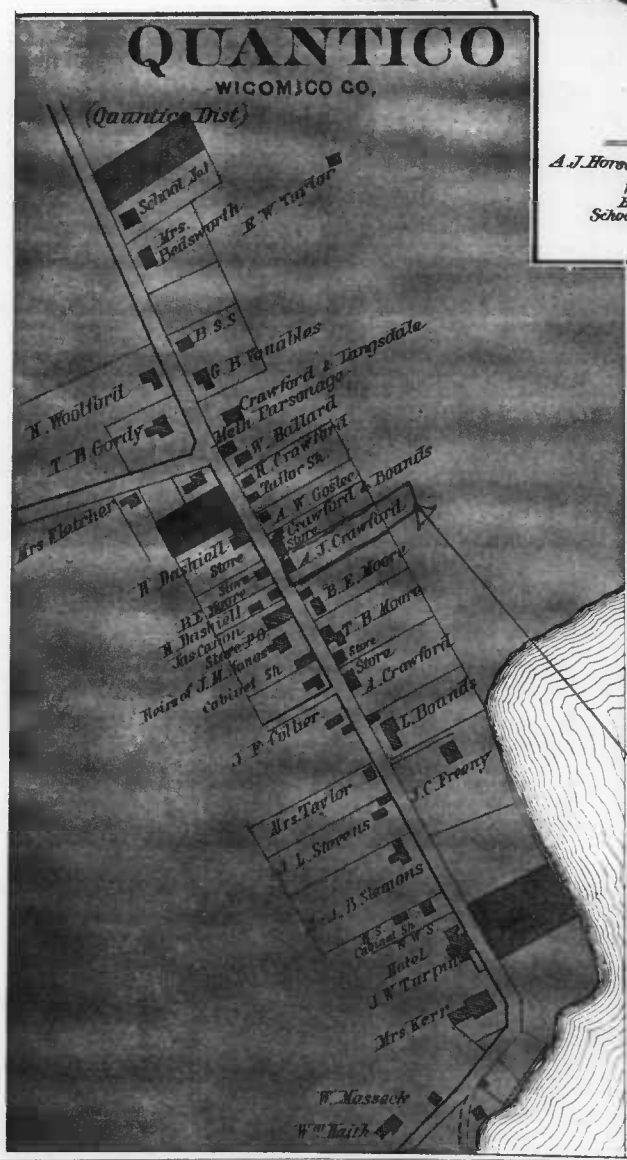
James Cannon, Lydia R. Cannon, Elihu Jackson,
Nannie F. Jackson, Andrew J. Crawford, and
Mary W. Crawford

to

1/15/1878

Eleanor S. A. Woolford

\$600.00 one house and lot situated in the
village of Quantico on the north
by the store house and lot belonging
to Andrew J. Crawford and George A.
Bounds on the east by the lands of
Mrs. A. C. Bounds on the south by
by the lot belonging to to the heirs
of George Moore and on the west by
the village street with all improve-
ments



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1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson
Atlas



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Southeast elevation

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Southwest elevation

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Northeast elevation

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North gable end with boarded over
window openings

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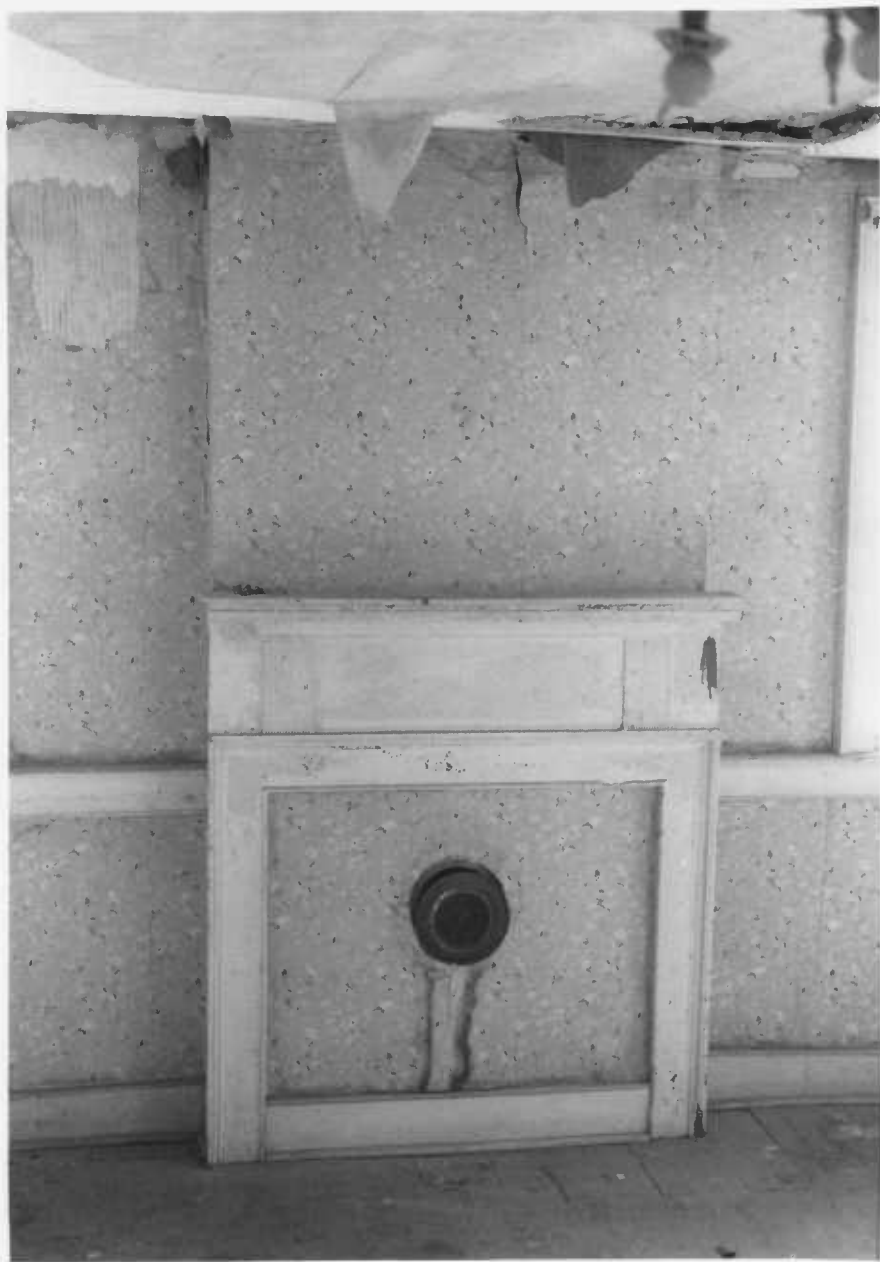
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Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland
Stair

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Second floor front bedroom mantel

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Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland
Second floor beaded board wall that
encloses attic stair

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First floor brick mantel

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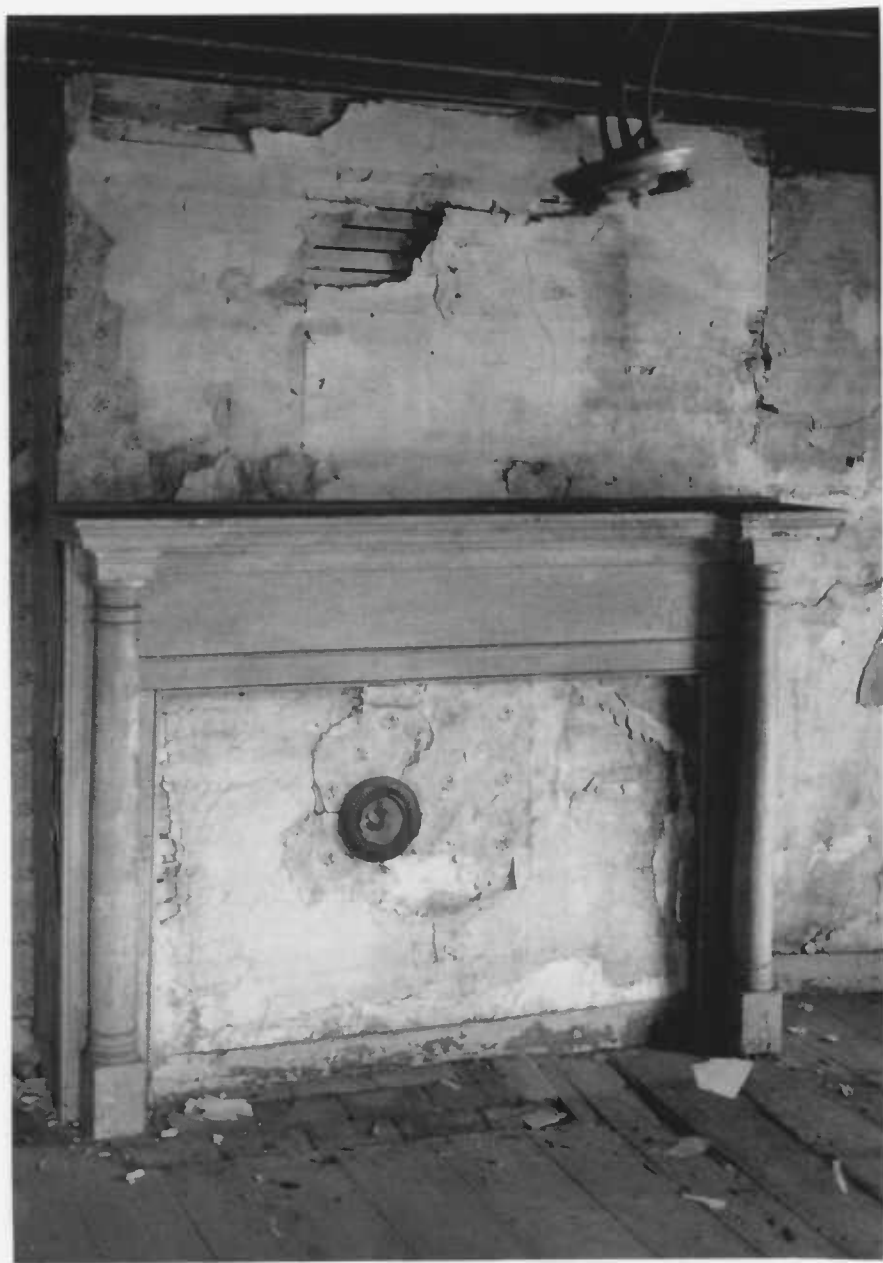
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Second floor mantel and door

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BRADY HOUSE

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Second floor back bedroom mantel

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Brady House

Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland

Northwest elevation of garage

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